IV. *An Account of a Book.* Bibliographiæ Anatomicæ Specimen, *sive Catalogus omnium pene Auctorum, qui ab* HIPPOCRATE *ad* HARVEIUM *Rem Anatomicam ex professo vel obiter scriptis illustrarunt, &c. Curâ & Studio* JACOBI DOUGLAS, M. D. *Reg. Soc. S. & in Colleg. Chirurg. Londinensi Prælect. Anatom.* 8vo. *Londini* 1715.

THE Author of this Treatise, whose admirable Skill in the Practice of Dissections, as well as in the Theory of the Structure of the Parts, leaves him not many Equals, in order to discover what Improvements and Progress Anatomy has met with, and with what Industry the Study of it has been cultivated, has with much Application perused a very great Number of Authors who have advanced the Science; observing therein who have the Honour of being the first Discoverers, and who have unjustly arrogated to themselves that Title, that each may receive a due Proportion of Praise according to his Merit. And in this Decision he has impartially weighed their Deserts, the better to lay before the Reader the Increase of these Studies, and to determine more exactly the Differences that have arisen about who are first Inventors; which the Book, Chapter and Page where they are treated of will easily manifest.

The History, Lives and Elogies ascrib'd to Anatomists, which he has inserted either from their own Writings, or their Editors, or Commentators, will afford a great Variety of Pleasure, in which he has been particulary care-

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ful to ſet down the Names, Sur-Names, Country, Time of their Birth, what Year they died in, under what Maſters educated, where they flouriſh'd, and in what part of Anatomy they excell'd.

Nor has he been leſs diligent in the Account he has given of the Books of *Anatomy*, which his Friends ſupply'd him with in great Number. The Reader will ſee here laid before him, all the ſeveral Editions, in what Language, what Volume they were printed in, with the Place and date of the Year they were publiſhed at; and which are the firſt Impreſſions, and which copied from them. Nor has he judged it improper to give ſome Account of the Figures diſpers'd up and down in Anatomical Books; as whether they were Originals or Copies, cut in Wood or Copper, *&c.* To theſe he has added three Indexes, whoſe Uſe will be ſeen by the Titles. As for the difference of Style remarkable in this Treatiſe, It is chiefly owing to the Variety of Authors made uſe of, he thinking himſelf not at Liberty to vary the Expreſſion of them whoſe Authority he quotes.

He ſays he would willingly have recounted the great Advantage Anatomy has received from the *Engliſh* Nation: but out of juſt Regard to their Merits, he has reſign'd this Province to his Friend Mr. *William Becket*, whoſe Induſtry in collecting their Writings will not in his Opinion exceed his Talent and Abilities to recommend them to the World.

He hopes the Reader will pardon him in this, that as ſeveral Books and Editions came late to his Hands, he was forc'd to add the *omiſſa* ſeparately: which being in greater Number than at firſt expected, the Author earneſtly deſires the Favour of thoſe who have in their Collections any thing of this kind here omitted, that they would pleaſe to communicate the ſame, in order to render this firſt *Specimen* ſtill more complete.

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